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In re application of: Fang-Cheng Chang

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	27	Minus	27	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0
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5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. The Specification as well as Claims 1 and 6 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,272,236 (Pierrat) in view of U.S. Patent 6,057,063 (Liebmann).

Claims 1, 6, and 11 are amended herein.